

# Threatened and Endangered Species in Forests of Wisconsin

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# YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER

*(Dendroica dominica)*

Federal Status: Not Listed

State Status: Endangered



**Description:** The yellow-throated warbler is a mid-sized wood warbler, 5 to 5½ inches long as an adult. This beautiful small bird is distinguished by its bright yellow throat and upper breast, white belly and black face. It also has a white eyebrow stripe, large white patches on the side of the neck, white wing bars and black streaking on the sides.

**Habitat:** Most breeding yellow-throated warblers occupy mature woods in corridors bordering creeks and rivers, particularly where tall sycamores are prevalent. This warbler also lives in pine/oak forests on dry hillsides. These



birds prefer tall trees and may be found nesting as high as 90 feet above the ground. Their well-concealed nests are built on branches 6 to 9 feet out from the main trunk. The yellow-throated warbler forages on the upper surfaces of horizontal branches, usually high in the forest canopy.

**Forestry Considerations:** In areas with yellow-throated warblers, favor the use of single-tree or group-selection silviculture. Groups should be less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre to maintain a relatively closed canopy. Single-tree selection should be preferred within 300 feet of a stream or river.

Employ Wisconsin's  
*Forestry Best  
Management Practices  
for Water Quality*,  
including the  
provision for buffers  
along riparian  
corridors.

